

## Postal Regulatory Commission


Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received four petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Badger post office in Badger, Iowa. The first petition for review received December 30, 2011, was filed by Myron and Nancy Huyser. The second petition for review received January 4, 2012, was filed by Terry and Judy Kahler. The third petition for review received January 10, 2012, was filed by Ken and Julie Busby. The fourth petition for review received January 4, 2012, was filed by Christopher J. Wendell, Mayor of the City of Badger. The earliest postmark date is December 23, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: January 18, 2012

Attachment

December 23, 2011

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**RE: APPEAL TO CLOSING OF BADGER, IOWA POST OFFICE**

We heard last week on national news that the Congress had postponed until May of 2012 the closing of post offices. Now, we receive notification that the post office in Badger, Iowa will close on January 21, 2012. What is going on???

Have you considered the petition to retain the Badger Post Office with 303 signatures?

It is no wonder the post office is in trouble when you keep a post office in Clare, Iowa open—population 190 and only 18 post office boxes and at the same time close the Badger, Iowa Post Office with 189 post office boxes and a population of 600. This is not financial responsibility.

We, for one, are planning to be gone for three months, leaving next week, December 29. We have made arrangements to have our mail forwarded as long as possible and then our neighbor to pick up our mail the remaining time while we are gone.

What are we to do now? If no post office:

How do we get mail forwarded?

We have no mail box or cluster boxes.

Because of cold weather, how can mail boxes or cluster boxes be put in when it is so cold, there would be a problem putting in cement.

How do we notify people of change of address when we are gone?

If we're not here, who would put in a mail box if we do indeed end up with mail boxes?

Who decides if we get cluster boxes or mail boxes and when?

When do we get a new address and when do we have to start using it?

How do we notify business places, magazines, newspapers, etc. that we no longer have a post office when we are gone for 3 months?

How can we be sure we get all the documents needed for doing our taxes?

You have no idea how stressful this is to us and others like us. Do we have to delay leaving until we know what is going to happen? Are you going to pay the rent on the place we have rented if we aren't able to be there as planned?

**Please reconsider closing Badger post office at all, and if it will happen eventually anyway, please delay until May.**

That will make it so much better for those of us who will be gone for several months. By May the ground would be suitable for installing either cluster boxes or individual mail boxes.

Please have consideration for those who have been patrons of the Badger Post Office for many, many years.

**PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T CLOSE BADGER, IOWA POST OFFICE. IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AT A LATER DATE.**

Sincerely,

*Myron & Nancy Huyser*

Myron & Nancy Huyser  
Box 202  
Badger, IA 50516

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Terry & Judy Kahler  
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Badger, IA 50516-7019

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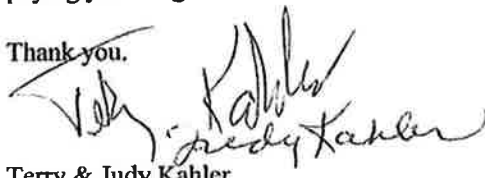
To the Director:

Less than a month ago we received a letter from Congress saying that there would be no further action on closing our post office until May 15, 2012, so everyone in Badger, IA thought well, good, we don't have to worry about making changes until then. Now, today, we find out that this is going to go forward on January 21, 2012. We do not feel, the postal service has provided enough lead time for the residents to make plans.

Some of our residents have left or will be leaving shortly to go south for the winter. Some of us would be changing to home delivery and do not have mail boxes at our home. I don't know if you've ever tried to dig a hole in frozen ground, but it's not easy, and there is no information if or where cluster boxes would be located.

We would like to see this decision changed back to at least the May 15, 2012 date to give time for the Postal Service to communicate to the residents on what their plans are for postal service, holding mail, etc. that would allow the residents of Badger, IA to make plans on what they will be doing for USPS service. January 21 is less than a month away, it's winter in Iowa and this plan does not accommodate the people paying your wages.

Thank you.



Terry & Judy Kahler

Cc: Tom Latham, Congressman, 4<sup>th</sup> District of Iowa  
Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa  
Charles Grassley, Senator from Iowa

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Ken and Julie Busby  
PO Box 122  
Badger, Iowa  
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January 1, 2012

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Dear Postal Regulatory Commission,

As a Postal Customer for the Badger, Iowa Post Office I would like to appeal the proposed closing of the Badger Post Office.

There are several reasons for this;

1. Badger is one of the few small town offices that has made the Post Office money. This Post Office not only supports itself in revenue but keeps business in this small town.
2. There is a binding lease on the property that will still need to be paid until 2017.
3. It is ridiculous to think that by closing the office that has well over 180 boxes and high volume mail that one carrier will be enough to continue proper customer service. Another mail carrier would need to be hired. ( Added expense instead of savings as well as lowering of customer service)
4. The high volume of parcels that comes into Badger will not be able to be maintained through parcel lockers. This is an inconvenience as well as poor customer service.

All in all, the choice to close Badger is clearly a poor one. Not only it will it COST money to close the office but the Post Service Name along with Customer Service will be tarnished.

Sincerely,

  
Ken and Julie Busby

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BADGER, IOWA 50516  
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December 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Badger, Iowa, 50516 is hereby appealing the closure of the Badger Post Office. You state in the Final Determination to Close that a saving of \$24,465 annually will be saved. What a disappointment to think we are worth so little and can be tossed away. This post office makes money and is a hub for the community. With 189 P.O boxes and 132 on the rural route we are fighting to keep our community together. I have no idea how you can state only 33 transactions on average take place per day. Not bad when the window is only open for four hours. This is an average of seven customers every hour. To get mail out and wait on customers the OIC is always busy. We have many packages mailed out and coming in on a regular basis. Staying late after the window is closed to get paperwork and reports done is a loyal employee. It is outrageous to think you are willing to pay \$4,800 a year, until 2017, with a no cancellation clause, for the building lease. The building is handicap accessible with a ramp, auto open door, a new furnace, working bathroom and more than adequate Main Street parking.

The postal service has been around for 125+ years and to just take it away is wrong. Having rural delivery is not our idea of mail service unless you live outside the city limits. Going 12 to 15 miles for mail service can not be considered having service. I am not just talking about getting and receiving mail. I have been to different post offices and with the closings you are proposing it will only make the service their poor. A business as well as any resident of Badger should have a right to keep our service as it is running in the black. You have no idea what goes on in rural Iowa or any other small town fighting to keep their Post Office.

You seem to forget you are a Service to the people not a business.

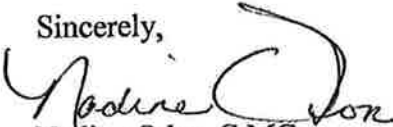
Please keep our Post Office open.

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Sincerely,



Nadine Odor, C MC  
City of Badger



Christopher J. Wendell, Mayor  
City of Badger